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CONNECTION BETWEEN THE FLUX GUIDE AND THE FREE LAYER  
AND THAT INSULATES THE FLUX GUIDE FROM THE SHIELDS

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 8, 2005, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in view of the remarks below.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the drawings begin on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.